

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus, including a shipment conveyance device, associated with a shipment, which is at least one of a shipping container, pallet, and tote, a global positioning device, located in, on, or at, the conveyance device, which determines a position or location of the conveyance device, a processing device which processes information regarding the shipment and/or the conveyance device in response to an event occurrence or a request for information, and generates a message containing information regarding the position or location of the shipment or the conveyance device and information regarding at least one of the event occurrence, a shipment status, a position or location of the shipment or the conveyance device, a shipment temperature, and an impact or force on the conveyance device, and a transmitter which transmits the message to a communication device associated with at least one of a sender, receiver, and carrier, of the shipment.